

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~10076~~ CH-999

Property Name: 8055 Waterford Place, Inventory Number: 140060
Address: Fairground Rd. and Kildare Pl., Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Johnson, Caroline heirs et al

Tax Parcel Number: 232 Tax Map Number: 55

Project	<u>Md 301</u>	Agency	<u>State Highway Administration (SHA)</u>
---------	---------------	--------	---

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The circa 1890 I-house located on Fairground Road and Kildare Place is a wood frame dwelling with a side gable roof. The house is three bays wide with a central entrance. Although the window frames appear to be intact, only the sashes of the upper story windows are extant. The two windows are 3/3, double-hung, wood sash and are missing their glazing. A large exterior, gable wall brick chimney is located on the north elevation. Several of the openings are boarded up with plywood, areas of the wood frame are exposed, and the house has settled in the center dramatically.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

Prepared by EHT Traceries, Inc.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended

Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B ~~C~~ D Consideration A B C D ~~E~~ F G None

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date _____

Reviewer, NR Program

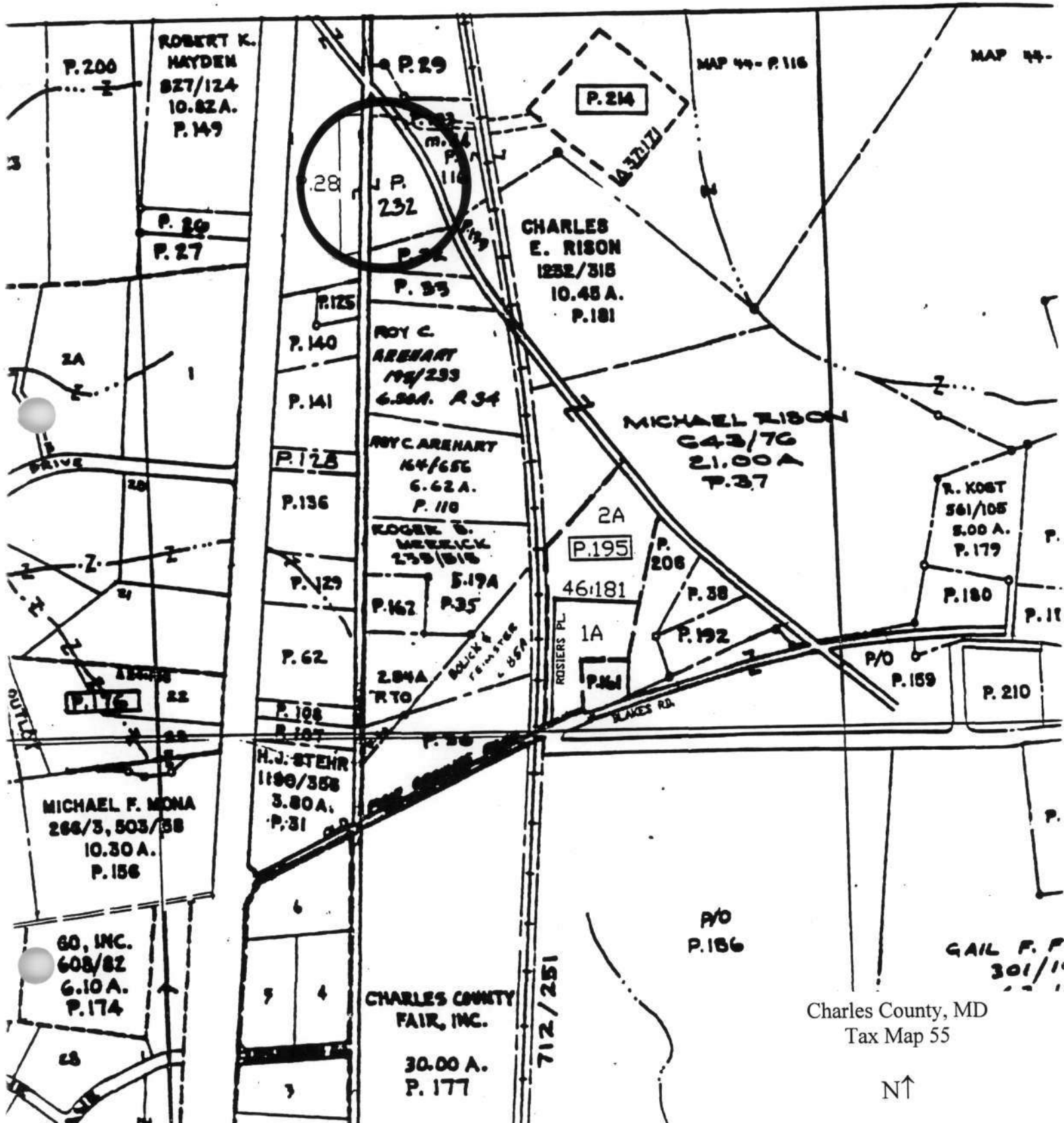
Date

As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata. La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in 1896.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

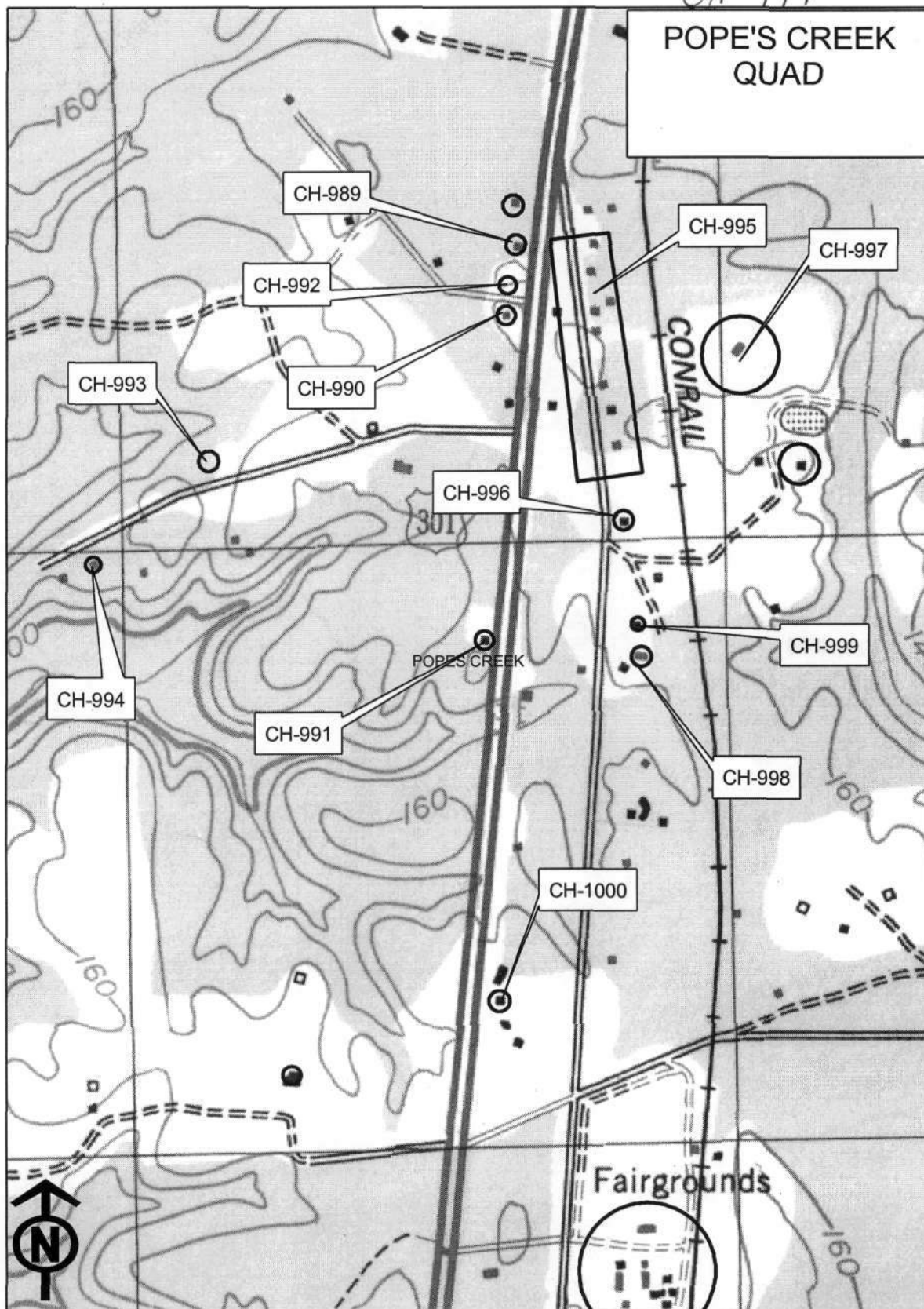
Built circa 1890, this I-house is not eligible for the National Register. While this is an earlier example of the residential development surrounding U.S. 301, this resource lacks integrity due to its dilapidated state. The house also lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

CH-999



CH-999

POPE'S CREEK
QUAD





~~XXXXXX~~ CH-999
8055 Waterford Place
~~Fairground Road and Kildare Place~~

Charles County, MD

Traceries

June 1999

MD SHPO

View looking southwest

1 of 1